1	THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
2	BUSINESS MEETING
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5	DECEMBER 11, 2020
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8	BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C (PRESIDENT) SANDRA CULPEPPER, LPN (SECRETARY)
9	DR. MARY STEWART, PhD, RN LAURA MOORE, MSN, NP-C
10	SHIRLEY JACKSON, LPN
11	DR. MICHELLE OWENS, MD
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13	BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM: T.J. ADAMS, RN, BSN, MSHA (VICE PRESIDENT) DR. TERESA STANFORD, DNP, FNP
14	JAN COLLINS, CONSUMER
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16	ALSO PRESENT:
17	EDWARD WIGGINS, JR., ESQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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learning and telemedical technologies to local

MS. COLLINS: Hey. Is anybody on here?

experiencing out there. Through the Office of Nursing

Workforce, we want to be able to provide something.

MnVP also will begin interviewing for the nurse

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- . 1 The panel for the February meetings will be
- Dr. Stewart, Ms. Shirley Jackson, Ms. Nancy Johnson, 2
- and Dr. Teresa Stanford. Now we move on to our next
- part, Legislation. Trey, are you still there?
- 5 MR. BOBINGER: Yes, sir. Can you hear
- 6 me?
- 7 MR. SHAW: Yes, we can.
- 8 MR. BOBINGER: Okay. Thank you,
- 9 Mr. President. I'm glad to be with everybody. Just
- 10 wanted to start out by saying that we all know that,
- 11 obviously, the pandemic or the virus is,
- unfortunately, increasing. The Legislature is 12
- 13 scheduled to come into session January the 5th. As of
- 14 now, they're planning to come in and stay and work.
- However, that could -- if the infection rate continues 15
- to rise in the number of cases, that could be 16
- modified. There's a possibility they could come in
- 18 January 5th and recess to a later date like they did
- 19 this year. Hopefully, as our president alluded to,
- 20 things will settle down, but I don't know. We'll just
- have to wait and see how that plays out. 21
- 22 This past Monday the Joint Legislative
- Budget Committee came forth with its recommendations, 23
- generally, 3% or a little over for some of the big
- 25 agencies, like the Department of Mental Health or
- 1 Universities and Colleges, MDOC. I will say we've
- 2 been very fortunate. We have worked hard, and I
- 3 appreciate the work of the Board, Phyllis, and
- certainly Shan, and I have worked with the
- . 5 Legislature. They have been very good to us on our
- . 6 budget. Hopefully, that will continue moving forward,
- but the initial -- this is kind of a beginning point 7
- for the budget. . 8
- 9 There's, like, a 3% for some of the large
- 10 agencies. They proposed a 3 plus percent reduction.
- 11 The big issue, I think, I wanted to mention to you,
- 12 Phyllis, I haven't seen your agenda today, so I'm not
- 113 sure if it's on the agenda, but I did want to mention
- 14 to the Board, I recently attended a Senate Public
- 115 Health Hearing at the State Capitol. Senator Hob
- 116 Bryan hosted this hearing. He's the chairman of that
- 117 committee, very knowledgeable of health care issues.
- 18 And a good part of the discussion, there were other
- 19 speakers, but it was basically talking about the
- 20 shortage of nurses, particularly RNs during this
- pandemic. And I think you are all very well aware of
- 22 that.
- 23 I know y'all have had meetings. I think
- 24 Phyllis served on a taskforce with the Hospital
- Association, IHL. There was a fairly lengthy

- 1 discussion in this hearing regarding how best to
- address this in the short term. Now, the Board of
- Nursing was briefly mentioned. It was brought up that
- 4 you guys were very quick to act to try to help last
- spring when the virus hit by, I think, Phyllis
- extending a temporary license for those awaiting to
- 7 take their boards or their licensure exam.
- There was some discussion about possibly
- 9 having some extension of that, if they failed the exam
- 10 once, to proceed beyond that, not indefinitely, but
- 11 maybe for some prescribed period of time. Senator
- 12 Bryan and at least one other senator that spoke seemed
- 13 to express some real interest in that, at least
- temporarily, to try to help the shortage. 14
 - The second path, it was much more
- 16 detailed in discussion was regarding clinical hours,
- educational hours. I think we had Dr. Hoover
- 18 testifying from the Hospital Association who presented
- very well, as did Dr. McCrory from IHL, about how
- 20 better, you know, working with the schools of nursing
- 21 and our universities and colleges and community
- 22 colleges, how best to try and maybe provide more of
- 23 their clinical time in a hospital setting or possibly
- 24 clinical setting due to the shortage. There was a lot
- of discussion about that, and I just wanted to make
- the Board aware of it.
 - I know, Phyllis, you and I have discussed
 - it. Our board president and I had a discussion about
 - it, but I wanted all the members to be aware, and I'm
 - sure you've heard a lot about it. But it is something
 - that the Legislature, at least the Senate Public
 - Health Committee, seemed to have an interest in trying
 - 8 to address, and, obviously, the Hospital Association
 - has a real interest in trying to staff those
 - 10 shortages. So, I just wanted to make those points.
 - 11 Again, I had a good visit with
 - 12 Representative Donnie Scoggin this week, and we
 - discussed some of the potential actions and course of
 - 14 action regarding full practice authority for the
 - 15 upcoming session. I thought we had a good discussion
 - 16 on that. Those discussions will continue, and we will
 - 17 continue to work on that. We will keep the Board
 - 18 apprised of any substantive developments on that. But
 - at this time, Mr. President, that concludes my 19

 - comments. I'll be glad to answer any questions anyone 20
 - 21 has.

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- 22 MR. SHAW: Does anybody have any
- 23 questions for Trey concerning the Legislature?
- 24 Dr. Stewart?
 - DR. STEWART: Trey, this is Mary. Thank

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1. 1 you for that report. I wanted to -- and we're maybe
 2 going to get into this at a later point, but since you
. 3 brought it up, the number of students or the number of
    graduates that would be looking at a second licensure
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     attempt, was that information shared at the Senate
     Hearing? Phyllis may know that, but isn't it a couple
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     of hundred?
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                MR. BOBINGER: It was brought up as a
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     possibility. I think Dr. Hoover mentioned that she
    had worked closely with the Board, particularly our
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     director and legal staff, on trying to formulate
     possibly some temporary solution to that. Of course,
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     I understand clearly, as you do better than I, that we
     have to balance, you know, public safety and that kind
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     of thing with the additional help, which is certainly
     needed, but there's a balance there. But that was
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     briefly brought up. Like I said, most of the
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    discussion centered around, you know, IHL. I think
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     Dr. McCrory and them were all three going to try to do
     their summer intern type program they have in place
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     and extending it -- you follow me? -- to provide more
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     immediate help now. And I think the Hospital
    Association was looking at something perhaps even
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    broader to bring immediate help to the shortage.
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                DR. STEWART: Okay. Thank you. Are we
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    going to discuss this further, or is this the
    opportunity?
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MR. SHAW: We can bring it up in a little bit. Any other questions for Trey concerning legislation? (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

7 MR. SHAW: If there are none, thank you, 8

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MR. BOBINGER: Thank you, Mr. President.

10 MR. SHAW: We will move on to the

11 Executive Director Report.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning, everyone. 13 The Executive Director Report, first of all, I wish

14 everyone a joyous and happy holiday season. Be safe

15 out there. The report for today is very short. The

Board of Nursing Retreat, as was mentioned, I think, 16

17 earlier, we are going to defer that. We normally have

18 that in January of each year. We are deferring that

19 until spring, later on in the Spring of 2021. It may

20 be virtual unless there's a change in these numbers,

but there is more to come on that, and we'll involve

22 the Board in that particular agenda.

23 The other thing I wanted to bring up was

24 the policy statement that was issued by the National

Council on yesterday. It came out, a policy brief on 25

the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration. I think you-all

received that via email, board members, on yesterday.

That information has been sent to the public health

officer in our state as well, and it is not

confidential information. It is a policy brief

dealing with the vaccine and rollout and the nurses

7 being able to administer the vaccine.

As you know, our law pretty much states that nurses can delegate to other nurses medication

10 administration. However, we are in an emergency

situation, and there were some proposals or 11

12 recommendations by National Council that, you know,

the state could allow something different upon the

executive order by the leadership of the state to

allow nurses to be able to delegate that authority

16 down to CMAs and emergency medical technicians. So,

hopefully, you've read over the policy brief, but it 18 will be available, I think, on the website, and the

National Council did ask this information to be

distributed. So, if you have any questions, feel free

21 to contact me on that.

22 The Board will be closed for the holidays

23 December 24th and 25th and also December 31st and

24 January 1st. Those are the proclamations that were

issued by the Governor, and so we will honor those

dates for holidays during the Christmas and New Year 2 season

We are continuing to work here at the

4 Board of Nursing. Our doors are open. Our offices

5 are open. However, with the increase in the rise in

6 numbers, the safety of the staff is of the utmost

7 concern, especially with me. And so we will be

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working a lot remotely. However, there will be people

9 in and out of the office, and we will have staff

available at the office. So, if you need to see

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someone at the Board, feel free. We are accessible via phone and email to answer your calls. And if you

13 need to come and make an appointment, please do so,

because we only see people by appointment now due to

15 safety reasons. But I just wanted to put that out

there so people are aware.

17 The other thing I wanted to bring up on the report about the Tri-Council for Nursing Summit,

19 Virtual Summit that I attended on last week, along

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with Dr. Burks, it was virtual. It was a great

summit. If you did not attend, there was a statement 21

from the Tri-Council for Nursing on the status of U.S. 22

23 Health Care Workforce during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

24 This council consisted of the National Association of

25 Colleges and Universities, ANA, AONL, NCSBN, and

- 1 National Leagues of Nursing. It was dynamic. A lot 2 of lessons learned, a lot of things.
- 3 What they are working on is for workforce
- 4 issues, and they did talk about vaccines and the
- 5 rollout of vaccines and who should be administering
- 6 the vaccines. That information also is available on
- 7 the website of the National Council. The Public
- 8 Health Office did receive this information on
- 9 yesterday, as well. With that being said, Mr. Chair,
- 10 I think that's all that I have to bring forward today.
- 11 Are there any questions for me?
- 12 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Dr. Johnson. Does
- 13 anyone have any questions?
- 14 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
- 15 MR. SHAW: If not, I would ask for a
- 16 motion we approve Dr. Johnson's Executive Director
- 17 Report. Motion from Ms. Jackson. Second from
- 18 Ms. Culpepper. All in favor?
- 19 (ALL IN FAVOR)
- 20 MR. SHAW: And motion passes. Budget?
- 21 MS. MONTGOMERY: Good morning, everyone.
- 22 Budget Analysis: As of November 30th, 2020, a total
- 23 of \$786,000 has been disbursed to the Schools of
 - 4 Nursing for the ONW Scholarship Program. Continued
- 25 Expenditures: Expenditures within travel and supply
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 - l lines continue to be below normal due to COVID travel
 - restrictions and the fact that the bulk supply of our
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{3}}$ purchases are generally made at the end of the year.
- 4 Other line item expenses are within normal spending
- 5 levels for this point of the year.
- 6 Revenue: All the revenue is less than
- 7 what was collected at the end of November during the
- 8 last renewal cycle. The shortfall is \$76,000. I do
- 9 expect a high number of renewals at the end of the
- O year, our last minute renewals. I will keep you-all
- 11 updated as that shortfall shortens. We will perform a
- ii apaaced as that shortrain shortens. We will periorm
- 12 more detailed analysis if I do notice before the end
- 13 of the year that that's not closing at a fast pace.
- 14 Cash for this year --
- 15 MR. SHAW: I got a thing to try and speak
- 16 up.
- 17 DR. STEWART: I'm sorry, a point of
- 18 order, Mr. Chair, there are Dr. Hoover, from MNA --
- 19 what is her name? -- Teresa Malone and others are
- 20 waiting in the Zoom room that was posted online. They
- don't have access to the meeting, and they're wanting
- 22 to join to have access.
- 23 MS. MONTGOMERY: I'm not sure.
- 24 DR. STEWART: I just asked, "What contact
- 25 do you have?" And they said, "We are all waiting in

- 1 the Zoom that was posted online."
- 2 MS. MONTGOMERY: Ms. Johnson, can you
- send the Zoom link to those individuals? I don't have
- 4 access to it on this computer.
 - MR. SHAW: Did everyone online
- 6 understand, basically there are some people from the
- 7 public that went to the link on the website, and they
 - are in a Zoom waiting room to get into the meeting.
- 9 So we're trying to figure out that technical
- O difficulty at this time. There's eight people waiting
- 11 to get in.
- 12 MS. MONTGOMERY: They're not on this
- 13 link.

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- 14 MR. SHAW: At this time I think it would
- 15 be pertinent to call for a short recess to see if we
- 16 resolve this situation.
- 7 (OFF THE RECORD)
- 18 MR. SHAW: Can the folks on the phone
- 19 hear me on the Zoom?
- 20 MR. BOBINGER: Yes.
- 21 MS. COLLINS: Yes.
- 22 MR. SHAW: Okay. Outstanding. Good
- 23 deal. Sorry for that technical difficulty. When we
- 24 found out, we recessed and stopped where we were. So
- 25 we'll continue on. Most of what we have done so far
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- just deals with some reports. And I will back up
- after Shan finishes her Budget Report and ask for Open
- 3 Forum for any comments from the public. But at this
- 4 time, Shan, would you continue the Budget Report?
- 5 MS. MONTGOMERY: Okay. Revenue, I think
- 6 I covered revenue. Unless I need to go back over
- 7 that, I can start with cash. Cash on hand, we
- 8 currently have \$5 million available, and that is a
- 9 sufficient amount to cover us for 18 months of
- 10 operational expense.
- 11 The Fiscal Year '22 Budget Request, as
- 12 Trey mentioned, the budget hearings will begin in
- 13 January. We are considering increasing our budget
- 14 request to cover increased fringe benefits, as health
- 15 cost premiums have increased for both employees and
- 16 the agency. We are reviewing what those increases
- 17 will look like and will keep you-all posted as the
- 18 Department of Finance posts the updates of how much
- 19 those increases will be. And that concludes the
- 20 Budget Report. If you have any questions or comments,
- 21 I'm available.
- 22 MR. SHAW: All right. Any questions for
- 23 Shan for the budget?
- 24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 - MR. SHAW: If not, do I have a motion we

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1	approve the Budget Report?	1	motion from Ms. Culpepper to approve that. Do I have
1-2	DR. STEWART: So moved.	2	a second? Second from Ms. Jackson. All in favor?
3	MR. SHAW: Motion from Dr. Stewart.	3	(ALL IN FAVOR)
1 4	Second by Shirley Jackson. All in favor?	4	MR. SHAW: All right. Motion carries.
5	(ALL IN FAVOR)	5	MS. CULPEPPER: The next thing coming out
1 6	MR. SHAW: Any opposed?	6	of Compliance is, we move that the Board's Compliance
7	(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)	7	Committee approve adding Nursing CE Central to the
8	MR. SHAW: Motion carries. All right.	8	Board-approved Course Topic Guide.
9	At this time we will back up, since we had the problem	9	MR. SHAW: Any question on that?
10	earlier, and go to the Open Forum. Are there any	10	DR. STANFORD: Will you read that again?
11	members of the public that are on the call that would	11	MS. CULPEPPER: I'm sorry, Teresa.
12	like to make comments?	12	DR. STANFORD: I'm sorry.
13	(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)	13	MS. CULPEPPER: That's okay. I move that
14	MR. SHAW: All right. Not hearing any	14	the Board's Compliance Committee approve adding a
15	requests, we will move on to Committee Reports.	15	Nursing CE Central to the Board-approved Course Topic
116	Executive Committee: Administrative Denial, we had	16	Guide. That's in relation to educational courses that
17	one. I would make a motion that we administratively	17	we can recommend, Dr. Stanford.
18	deny License No. R-855565. Do I have a second?	18	DR. STANFORD: Awesome. I second.
19	MS. JACKSON: Second.	19	MR. SHAW: I have a motion from
20	MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Shirley	20	Ms. Culpepper. Second from Dr. Stanford. All in
21	Jackson. All in favor?	21	favor?
22	(ALL IN FAVOR)	22	(ALL IN FAVOR)
23	MR. SHAW: Any opposed?	23	MR. SHAW: Motion carries. Is that it?
24	(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)	24	MS. CULPEPPER: That is all coming out of
25	MR. SHAW: Motion carries. I would also	25	Compliance.
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I further certify that I am not in the employ or related to any counsel or party in this matter and have no interest, monetary or otherwise, as to the final outcome of this proceeding.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND SEAL, this the day of _____, 2020.

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